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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 2634

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SUMMARY: ANTI-EMIGRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH WE REPORTED AS
HAVING TAPERED OFF IN REFTEL HAS RESUMED TO FORMER LEVEL,
IF PERHAPS AT SLIGHTLY LESS TRIDENT TONE. PAUL GOMA,
AS LEADER OF DISSIDENT MOVEMENT, IS SINGLED OUT AND LABELED
AS TRAITOR. RFE TAKES ITS LUMPS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE WEEKEND PRESS HAS ENDED THE TEMPORARY LULL IN
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THE ANTI-EMIGRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS NOW BEEN GOING FULL
FORCE FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. SCINTEIA (APRIL 9) CARRIES
PROMINENT ARTICLES AGAINST FASCISM WHILE ROMANIA
LIBERA OF THE SAME DAY HAS AN ATTACK AGAINST RFE AND
EMIGRATIN. THE WRITERS UNION CULTURAL WEEKLY LUCEAFARUL
CARRIES VIRULENT ARTICLE SIGNED BY EDITOR IN CHIEF NICOLAE
DRAGOS, AGAINST RFE AND PAUL GOMA. RFE IS CALLED A "VIPER'S

NEST" (OFICINA), WHICH IS BEING USED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ROMANIA, "IN PROBLEMS REGARDING THE FATE OF ROMANIAN CULTURE, OF OUR LIFE AS WRITERS." HE ACCUSES GOMA OF TRYING "TO SAVE HIS NAME FROM ANONYMITY BY MAKING SCANDALOUS STATEMENTS FOR PAYMENT...THUS BETRAYING HIS NATURAL IDEALS AS BOTH A CITIZEN AND A WRITER."

2. THE TWO-PRONGED ATTACK ON GOMA AND RFE IS CONTINUED IN SCINTEIA (APRIL 10) IN AN ARTICLE BY C. STANESCU ON THE PARTY MEETING AT THE WRITERS UNION. AMONG THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE MEETING, WHICH WAS CONVENED TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BUCHAREST WRITERS UNION AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WRITERS, IS ONE AGAINST THE WORK OF "REACTIONARY CIRCLES" WHICH "USE THE PAGES OF SOME NEWSPAPERS AND THE BROADCASTS OF SOME RADIO STATIONS TO TELL LIES ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT IS BEING DONE HERE TODAY...WE ARE FIRMLY DECIDED TO SHOW REVOLUTIONARY INTRANSIGENCE TOWARDS ALL THOSE WHO TRY TO DISTORT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR SOCIALIST SOCIETY...BY USING THE TITLE WRITER (CLEARLY MEANT TO BE GOMA) JUSTIFIED BY NEITHER TALENT NOR MORALITY." THIS APPEAL TO FOREIGN SOURCES FOR INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY (OF WHICH GOMA IS ACCUSED) IS CALLED "AN ACT OF TREASON." (COMMENT: THE STRONG LANGUAGE USED HERE MIGHT BE PART OF A PUBLIC BUILD-UP FOR A POSSIBLE ARREST/TRIAL OF GOMA -CF BUCHAREST 2607). IN THE SAME PAPER THERE IS AN ARTICLE AGAINST EMIGRATION AND AN ENTIRE PAGE IS DEVOTED TO THE HAPPY LIFE OF ALL CITIZENS HERE IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR NATIONALITY. ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD THE U.S. IS DEPICTED, ONCE AGAIN, AS A LAND PLAGUED WITH VIOLENT

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3. ROMANIA LIBERA (APRIL 11) CONTAINS A MAJOR ARTICLE BY DAN ZAMFIRESCU AGAINST EMIGRATION, WITH A PARTICULARLY STRONG ATTACK ON RFE ONCE AGAIN FOR STRESSING THE RIGHT TO EMIGRATION AS IF THAT WERE THE ONLY HUMAN RIGHT WORTH MENTIONING. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT PROPOSALS TO "SELL OUR BROTHERS" HAVE BEEN FIRMLY REFUSED BY CEAUSESCU. THERE IS ALSO AN ARTICLE BY ION STOICA "BRAIN DRAIN, AND IMMORAL PRACTICE OF WESTERN MONOPOLIES", THE TITLE OF WHICH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. AN ANTI-NAZI ARTICLE APPEARS IN SCINTEIA TINERETULUI (APRIL 11).

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